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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on August 28, 2001, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report, dated March 13, 2003, for corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 01114358.3, to the Examiner's attention:

AUFFRET et al., "Audiovisual-Based Hypermedia Authoring: Using Structured Representations for Efficient Access to AV Documents," Hypertext 99 Darmstadt, 1999;

RUTLEDGE et al., "Cooperative Use of MHEG-5 and HyTime," Proceedings of Hypertexts and Hypermedia: Products, Tools, Methods (HPTM97), September 1997; U.K. Patent Application No. GB 2 333 001 A, published on July 7, 1999; and HARDMAN et al., "The Amsterdam Hypermedia Model," Communications of the ACM, vol. 37, no. 2, February 1994.

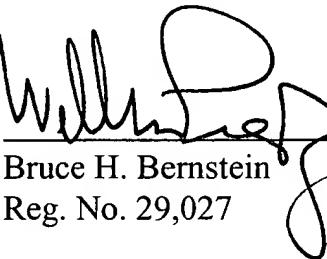
The category of relevance and pertinent portions of these document are as noted on the attached copy of the European Search Report.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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